

MEDIA RELEASE

Gang Associate Arrested with Machete

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Danny Loyola, age 19, of Santa Barbara, was arrested for the felonies of carrying a concealed dirk or dagger (a machete) and committing a crime in association with a criminal street gang. Loyola is a Santa Barbara area gang associate.

On June 23, 2013, at 5:44 p.m., officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department responded to the area of the 200 block of S. Milpas Street on a call of a subject brandishing a machete. The suspect, Loyola, was located on 100 Nopalitos Way hiding behind a parked RV. Loyola was found to have an outstanding \$5,000.00 misdemeanor warrant for violation of probation and was arrested. Following the investigation into the incident he was also arrested for the aforementioned felonies.

Investigation revealed that at the time of the incident Loyola had been involved in a fistfight with another male in a parking lot on the 100 block of S. Milpas Street. After exchanging several blows the two combatants separated; however moments later Loyola returned to the scene wielding a machete and pursued his adversary who fled into the restroom of a nearby business and locked himself in. This activity was observed by several witnesses and portions of it were captured on video by security cameras in the area. One witness who found himself in close proximity to Loyola informed him that his behavior could get him sent to prison. In an expletive laced response Loyola stated his gang affiliation and told the witness that he didn't care if he went to prison. Unsuccessful in finding his adversary, Loyola concealed his machete under his flannel shirt and fled the scene. On the 200 block of S. Milpas Street Loyola hid his machete under a parked car and discarded his shirt in a bush. He continued to flee until he was caught by officers on 100 Nopalitos Way. Loyola's adversary in the incident, whom he pursued with the machete, was not located. Loyola's machete and shirt were recovered.

Loyola was booked into Santa Barbara County Jail on the aforementioned charges with a bail amount of \$100,000.00.



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